

This listing of claims will replace the originally filed claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

1. (Currently Amended) An electrically powered bicycle, comprising:
 - a rear fork assembly including a pair of structures extending from a frame;
 - a wheel attached between the structures of the rear fork assembly, the wheel having a rim and spokes;
 - an electric motor mounted adjacent to the wheel;
 - a drive mechanism disposed between the electric motor and the wheel, wherein the drive mechanism comprises:
 - a first gear connected to a shaft of the electric motor and comprising a first plurality of teeth;
 - a second gear connected to the rim of the wheel and comprising a second plurality of teeth; and
 - wherein the teeth of the first gear are meshed with the teeth of the second gear such that when the shaft of the electric motor turns, the second gear provides a rotating force to the wheel;
 - a momentary pushbutton switch;
 - a battery; [and]
 - a control unit electrically connected to the electric motor, to the battery, and to the momentary pushbutton switch, and configured to provide electrical power from the battery to the electric motor dependent upon a number of times the momentary pushbutton switch is pressed and released within a predetermined period of time;
 - wherein the predetermined period of time begins when the momentary pushbutton switch is pressed and released a first time;
 - wherein when the momentary pushbutton switch is pressed and released the first time, and is not pressed and released again during the predetermined period of time, the control unit provides electrical power from the battery to the electric motor such that the electric motor is turned on and off rapidly;

wherein the control unit provides electrical power from the battery to the electric motor such that the electric motor is turned on for a first period of time and subsequently off for a second period of time, and wherein the first and second periods of time are substantially equal; and
wherein when the momentary pushbutton switch is pressed and released the first time, then pressed and released again during the predetermined period of time, the control unit provides electrical power from the battery to the electric motor such that the electric motor is on continuously.

Claims 2-20: Cancelled